

Excise Tax Cuts Lower Phone Bills

An estimated total of \$57,600 a year will be saved by Torrance-Fairfax telephone users starting from April 1, effective date of the excise tax reductions recently voted by Congress, according to R. S. Pyle, local manager of Pacific Telephone.

Cut are excise, or "sales," taxes on all telephone service from 15 and 25 per cent to 10 per cent. Tax reductions are effective on bills dated April 1 and thereafter, Pyle said.

The largest tax cuts will be on long distance calls costing 25 cents or more now taxed at 25 per cent. Thus, where telephone users previously paid \$2.50 in taxes on \$10 worth of toll calls, they will pay only \$1.

Tax reductions also mean that on bills dated on and after April 1 for residence and business service here excise taxes on basic charges will be reduced from 15 per cent to 10 per cent, the manager added.

"These tax reductions, carefully considered by Congress, will mean savings to all telephone users," Pyle declared.

Hill Favors Changes In Mail Service

Alvan K. Hill, candidate for City Council in the April 13 municipal election, today went on record as favoring improvement in the city's mail service.

Declaring that rural post boxes detract from the beauty of the city, the candidate stated regular postal delivery should be extended to more areas of the city, as they are developed. He also stated that he would like to see Hollywood Riviera receive mail delivery from the Torrance post office, instead of Redondo Beach. Hill said that he has written to Senators William Knowland and Thomas Kuchel and Representative Cecil King pointing out the postal problems he claims exist here.

Hill is a member of the City Planning Commission and a first-time candidate for the Council.

Flag Presentation
Mrs. F. W. Horn, of 923 Hickory Ave., participated in a flag presentation ceremony of La Reina Parlor, No. 267, Native Daughters of the Golden West, held on March 10, at the Figueroa-Crenshaw Christian Church. An American flag and a California Bear flag were presented to Brownie troop No. 246.

MRS. JOSEPH PENE resigned recently as historian and membership chairman of Walteria P-TA and was surprised with a farewell gift of a jewelry set.

Let Us Protect You

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By Police Chief WILLARD H. HASLAM, Guest Editor
As chief of the Police Department of Torrance I would like to get over to the voters the problems that we face in rendering you the service to which you are entitled and which we are really interested in rendering to you.

Our present quarters were designed for a force of sixteen men, and equipment to enable them to carry on was provided. Now we are a force of forty-three, and by all the recommendations and observations of those who have made a study of law enforcement we should have a police force of at least fifty. Where then are we going to put the men, their equipment, their records, etc., and where are we going to have a place for them to be trained, inspected and to compile their reports and records that are a necessary part of police work?

We have nine cars assigned to this department and even a part of these cars are parked near the police station all parking facilities are taken and the poor tax payer who has business with the Police Department must park somewhere out on a city street and walk to the station. Where is he going to find that parking space under present conditions.

Consider the visitor to our city who wishes to find the location of a certain street and rightly feels that he should be able to get the information from the police.

What are his emotions when he must park three blocks away, gets lost before getting back to the police station, then has to find his way back to his car again? What is going to be his impression of Torrance and its progressive attainments?

We invite any tax payer and any voter to come in to the Police or Fire stations and see for yourself just what the exact conditions are. Then if you can support us in the coming bond election, by all means do so, if you cannot support the bond issue we will welcome you anyway as we want you to know just what our problems are and we want to know how we can serve you best.

KNOW YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT and let them know YOU. Vote YES on Bond Issue 1 and also support the other three bond issues.



W. HASLAM



—Press Photo
CORRALLES ACOSTA, 24 ... a stolen cab, a crash, and two deaths.

MAN STEALS TAXI, KILLS 2 IN CRASH

A beautiful young mother and her nine-month-old baby were killed Saturday night and the father was critically injured when the car in which they were riding collided with a stolen taxicab at Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne blvd. Corralles Acosta, 24, rammed into the family car after jumping a red light at the intersection. He was driving a taxicab which he had stolen from the driver a few minutes earlier, according to Torrance police.

Hurled 100 Feet
Killed were Mrs. Patricia Von Delden, 20, and her nine-month-old son, Kim, of Glendale. The baby was thrown 100 feet and died several hours later at Harbor General Hospital. Mrs. Von Delden was dead on arrival. Her husband, Hugh Douglas Von Delden, 23, was taken to Harbor General Hospital with serious head injuries, according to police reports.

Acosta, a Mexican contract farm worker in Torrance, was held on two counts of suspicion of murder, grand theft, and suspected larceny of an automobile.

Seizes Cab
Acosta sustained only slight injuries. He had ordered a cab at a Redondo bar. The driver, Frank Griffith, 30, of Redondo Beach, told police that Acosta suddenly seized the driver's call board and attacked him as they were driving south on Hawthorne blvd.

Griffith finally jumped from the car which went out of control in the struggle. Griffith was left stranded near Old Sepulveda Road. A few minutes later, Acosta ran a red light at Highway 101 and Hawthorne blvd. where he crashed into the Von Delden car.

Burk Tells Main Points Of Platform

Youth centers and juvenile problems were the main topics of discussion at an open-house rally held recently for Frank W. Burk, candidate for City Council in next Tuesday's election, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, 1836 Sepulveda boulevard.

Members of several organizations interested in providing better recreation facilities for the youth of the city were present and spoke at the affair along with Burk, it was announced.

Burk stated that if elected to the City Council, "I want to see Torrance as a city where our children and our adults can live without the fear of dope and juvenile delinquency hanging over our heads. The answer to this problem is the major issue on my platform."

In commenting on other city problems, Burk said, "I plan to be a voice of the people, by hearing their problems and doing my best toward the betterment of our city. There is no reason why merchants, industries and home-owners cannot be united in a way that every-

one concerned can have an equal voice." The candidate also stated that transportation from all outlying districts to the downtown shopping district and street lighting through the residential areas are important problems which must be dealt with immediately.

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Operetta Set For Showing
"Rio Rico," an operetta by Edward Bradley and Donald Wilson, will be shown for three evenings, May 13, 14 and 15, at Torrance High School auditorium. It was announced today.
High school students will see the operetta on May 13 and 14. The public is invited to the May 15 showing, school officials revealed. Curtain time is set for 8:15 p.m. for all three shows.
Included in the cast are Steve Peters, Ron Jadwin, Robert Kelly, Robert Hopkins, Richard Bentwood, Ron Heffler, J. Gene Walker, Terry Ackers, Deanna Hall, Sandy Gish, John Pennington, Judith Slater, Claire Bentwood and Jeff Carr.
Production cast includes Gerry Hawkins, production manager; Pat Wilson, assistant production manager; Carol Davis, technical director; Jim Hoffman, assistant technical director; Louis Houch, stage manager; J. Gene Walker, publicity; Tom Gaugnick, tickets; Sue Dukeman and Pat Mitchell, make-up; Judith Wright and Dana Ceell, costumes and Beverly Halberg and Gerry Freas, properties.

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